



Collaborative Project Management – Methodically Integrated

Competence Report

The versatile project management environment of a supplier needed to be standardized and supported by means of a company-wide implementable and holistic system.

Initial Situation

In the past, project management had been done with office products such as Excel®, PowerPoint® and MS Project®. Cost related issues were handled in parallel and edited in SAP (material order, budget planning, etc.). There was no consistent approach and comprehensive application of project management in different development projects was practically impossible concerning both method and content. Thus, it was a complex task for the line functions to meet the various project requirements of the different project managers.

The implementation of RPlan as the central project management tool should replace this heterogeneous world.

The Task

The project management software RPlan should lead to a holistic system for project management of the development projects. Standardized schedule planning in combination with the integration of suppliers should lead to a more efficient project management. Resource planning and time tracking had to be considered, including the integration into SAP.

External Support

Based on its year-long scheduling expertise within project management and its expertise within automotive development projects at various German OEMs and their suppliers, ACTANO was mandated with concepting and completion of the comprehensive project management approach.



Resolution Method ACTANO

- Analysis of recent project management experiences and collection of requirements for the new project management approach
- Clarification of scheduling targets and discussion of resolution approaches
- Conception of scheduling (content and method) including mapping of standard processes in the schedule template
- Usage of RPlan scheduling in real projects including “lessons learned”
- Definition of targets for resource planning including time tracking, and discussion of resolution approaches (based on “tested” scheduling)
- Conception of resource planning including time tracking
- Usage of RPlan Resource Planning in real projects including “lessons learned”
- Conception of project management reporting and possible implementation approaches
- Specification and realization of required data transfers between RPlan and SAP
- Implementation of a “holistic” project management reporting with RPlan

Results / Success

- Holistic project management solutions based on a single-source principle
- Step-by-step conception and implementation of individual realization steps
- Optimized mapping of customer requirements and processes within the system
- Standardized templates for high-efficient and high-quality project realization
- Standardized procedure of project completion

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